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Colonel L. K. White
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Dear Colonel White:

Thank you so much for your very kind letter of the 18th. I very much regret that you are retiring from your position with the Central Intelligence Agency. Your service through the years has been outstanding. In large part, the very fine relationship which has existed between the Agency and this Committee is due to the efforts of dedicated personnel such as you.

You have fully earned your retirement, and I wish you the very best in anything that you do. However, I must observe that your leaving is a loss to the Government. A man of your youth and vigor could serve usefully for many more years.

Your very kind observations on the Appropriation Committee's efforts in the field of intelligence are deeply appreciated. We have all done the best we could to keep our Nation strong, and we have fully realized that without the efforts of our dedicated intelligence personnel our Nation could not remain secure.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

George H. Mahon
Chairman